

Claims

- [c1] A system implemented by one or more computational devices for conducting a transaction over a network comprising: a data storage device, said data storage device including electronic representations of at least one set of owned assets' said at least one set of owned assets including assets other than currency; a module executing a set of instructions to map an outside asset or commodity to said at least one set of owned assets; an operative connection to both a first electronic agent looking to dispose of said outside asset and a second electronic agent looking to secure said outside asset or commodity in exchange for an exchange module capable of capable of securing a transition of said outside asset or commodity, by providing at least a portion of said at least one set of owned assets as security for said exchange, wherein said exchange module obtains approval from said second electronic agent via said network to use said at least one set of owned assets as security for said exchange, before said exchange occurs.
- [c2] A method for investment comprising the steps of: cataloging a first set of one or more assets and configuring said catalog into electronic form; allowing said electronic first asset set catalog to be inspected over a network; when selected, linking a second set of assets represented in electronic form to said first set, such that: the owner of said second set of assets has correlated the value of said second set of assets to said first set of assets with a normalization constant.
- [c3] The method as recited in claim 2 wherein said first set of assets and said second said of assets are not currency.
- [c4] The method as recited in claim 1 wherein said at least one set of owned

assets is not currency.

- [c5] The method as recited in claim 2 further including the step of correlating said first set of assets and said second set of assets to a reference value.
- [c6] The method as recited in claim 5 wherein said reference value is not currency-tied.
- [c7] The method as recited in claim 5 wherein said reference value is located on the same host system that includes access to said second set of assets.
- [c8] The method as recited in claim 5 wherein said reference value is not located on the same host system that includes access to said second set of assets.
- [c9] An improved transaction and investment system including: a computational device linked to a network through a screening system, said screening system including at least one CPU and implementing an executable screening program; electronic data storage configured to store first data that represents assets; a verification structure implemented with a computer and connected to a network that is configured to verify the existence and identification of said assets represented by said first data; wherein said computational device loads said first data representational of said assets in response to a request received over said network and through said screening system and correlates said first data representational of assets to second data representational of outside assets and said verification structure confirms that both said sets of data are properly correlated to said respective assets.

- [c10] The transactional and investment system as recited in claim 9, wherein said data representative of assets consists of sets of individually owned assets.
- [c11] The transactional and investment system as recited in claim 9, wherein said data representative of assets consists of individually owned asset sets and combinations of said sets.
- [c12] The transactional and investment system as recited in claim 9, wherein said data representative of assets consists of combinations of individually owned asset sets.
- [c13] The transactional and investment system as recited in claim 9, wherein said verification structure processes said data and sends said data to a database regarding transactions.
- [c14] The transactional and investment system as recited in claim 13, wherein said first data is used as security for a transaction regarding said external assets corresponding to said second data and at least a second external assets.
- [c15] The transactional and investment system as recited in claim 14, wherein the computational device charges a fee for using said first data as security.
- [c16] The transactional and investment system as recited in claim 15, wherein said owner of said external asset is charged a fee.
- [c17] The transactional and investment system as recited in claim 9, wherein said first data includes an identifier that uniquely corresponds to a single asset.

- [c18] The transactional and investment system as recited in claim 17, wherein said verification system is configured to notify said computational system if an asset has been improperly used.
- [c19] The transactional and investment system as recited in claim 18, wherein said misuse includes a second identification of said asset.
- [c20] The transactional and investment system as recited in claim 9, wherein said first data representative of assets is located on a solid-state storage device.
- [c21] The transactional and investment system as recited in claim 20, wherein said first data is only accessible if a member has their solid-state storage device placed into a specialty networked device operatively connected to said computational device.
- [c22] The transactional and investment system as recited in claim 21, wherein said system includes multiple specialty networked devices.
- [c23] The transactional and investment system as recited in claim 21, wherein said specialty networked device is a kiosk with ports for said solid-state device.
- [c24] The transactional and investment system as recited in claim 20, wherein at least part of the memory of said solid-state storage device cannot be rewritten once said first data representation has been loaded into said memory.
- [c25] The transactional and investment system as recited in claim 21, wherein said solid-state storage device cannot be accessed if said least at non-writeable part of said storage device is rewritten to.

[c26] The transactional and investment system as recited in claim 9, wherein said first data representative of assets is located on an application specific integrated circuit with a reduced instruction set processor.